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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SHUM, AU, CZ
SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON UPSWING

1. SUMMARY. AUSTRIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES KARAS TELLS US RELATIONS BETWEEN VIENNA AND PRAGUE HAVE APPARENTLY PASSED THEIR NADIR--IN THE POLEMICAL EXCHANGES OVER THIS YEAR'S SUDETEN DEUTSCHE RALLY DURING WHITSUN AT VIENNA--AND MAY BE HEADED TOWARD A GRADUAL UPSWING. KARAS WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY A RECENT TOUR D' HORIZON WITH NEW DEP FON MIN JABLONSKY, WHICH--LIKE THE JULY MEETING WITH US --
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ACCENTED THE POSITIVE IN LOOKING AHEAD TO FRESH BILATERIAL INITIATIVES. KARAS NOTED VIENNNA'S CONTINUING EMPHASIS ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXPRESSED SOME ANXIETY OVER SOVIET POLITICAL MANEUVERING IN YUGLSLAVIA AND ALBANIA. END SUMMARY.

2. AUSTRIAN CHARGE KARAS TOLD CHARGE THAT DURING RECENT UPBEAT

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DISCUSSION OF AUSTRIAN-GOC BILATERAL RELATIONS, DEP FON MIN
JABLONSKY HAD GONE TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO AVOID POLEMICS
AND STRESS CZECHOSLOVAK DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA.
KARAS BELIEVES CZECH ACCENT ON MOVING FORWARD RESULTS IN PART FROM
CPCZ SECRETARY BILAK'S JUNE MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR KRIESKY.
HE SAID JABLONSKY SUGGESTED SIGNATURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BILATERAL
ACCORDS ALREADY NEGOTIATED AND, IN SOME CASES,
INITIALLED. ASKED WHAT VIENNA'S REACTION TO SUCH SIGNS
OF BILATERAL NORMALCY WOULD LIKELY BE IN LIGHT OF KRIESKY'S
REPEATED CRITICISM OF THE HUSAK REGIME'S HANDLING OF
HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, KARAS INDICATED GOA WOULD PROBABLY
WANT TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS MANIFESTLY ADVANCING AUSTRIAN
INTERESTS--FOR EXAMPLE, IN OPENING NEW BORDER CROSSING
POINTS AND IN SETTLING BOUNDARY QUESTIONS. COMPLICATED BY
CHANGES IN THE COURSE OF FRONTIER RIVERS. KARAS SAID
OVERALL AUSTRIAN-GOC RELATIONS WOULD PROBABLY PICK UP
IN NEAR FUTURE INTER ALIA THROUGH VISITS TO PRAGUE BY
MAYOR OF VIENNA IN LATE SUMMER AND TO VIENNA BY PRIME
MINISTER STROUGAL THIS FALL.

3. CHARGE RECALLED WITH INTEREST KREISKY'S RECENT
STATEMENT THAT THE EAST MUST EXPECT VIGOROUS EFFORTS
BY THE WEST TO ARTICULATE ITS IDEAS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, SINCE THE EAST HAS LONG
TAKEN THE POSITION THAT PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE EXCLUDES
IDEOLOGICAL COEXISTENCE. CHARGE THOUGHT IT USEFUL FOR
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WESTERN LEADERS TO EXPRESS THIS PRECISE POINT. KARAS
NOTED KRIESKY'S CONSISTENT ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE
THAT AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY IS A MILITARY ONE, NOT
IDEOLOGICAL--ESPECIALLY IN THE CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENTS
ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA. KARAS DREW ATTENTION TO KREISKY'S
STRESSING AUSTRIA'S NON-NEUTRALITY ON IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES
TO BILAK AND THOUGHT IT CURIOUS THAT "NEUTRAL AUSTRIA"
HAD BEEN MORE HOUSTPOEN THIS YEAR IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS
DEBATE THAN HAD THE FRG, A MEMBER OF NATO. HE NOTED,
HOWEVER, THAT FRG RELAIONS WITH THE EAST, ESPECIALLY
THE GDR, REMAIN "A SPECIAL CASE".

4. KARAS SAID AUSTRIAN EMBASSY HAS NOW GIVEN IMMIGRANT
VIASAS TO SIX FAMILIES ASSOCIATED WITH CHARTER 77. IN
ADDITION TO ALREADY-REPORTED VISA ISSUANCE TO MLYNAR
AND BINAR (PRAGUE 1377). AUSTRIA HAS ADMITTED THREE
DISSIDENT FAMILIES FROM OSTRAVA AND IS NOW READY TO ISSUE
MORE VISAS TO OTHER CHARTER 77 SIGNATORIES, IF AND WHEN
THEY OBTAIN EXIT DOCUMENTATION.

5. IN BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OVER SOVIET POLICIES
IN EUROPE, KARAS SAID VIENNA WAS STUDYING WITH SPECIAL

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CARE MOSCOW'S ACTIONS AIMED AT EXPLOINTING THE TITO SUCCESSION PROBLEM IN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE REPORTED SHIFT AWAY FROM CHINA BY ALBANIA.
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